



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 24, 2008

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Adoption Of The Operating And Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2009

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council adopt, by reading of title only:

- A. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009 by Appropriating Moneys for the Use and Support of Said City from the Funds and to the Purposes Herein Specified;
- B. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing the City's Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2009;
- C. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing Certain City Fees Including Water and Wastewater Rates and Rescinding Resolution Nos. 07-052, 07-085 and 08-013;
- D. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara, Authorizing Classified and Unclassified Positions in the City's Service Effective July 1, 2008, and Providing a Schedule of Classifications and Salaries for the Same in Accordance with the Operating Budget for the 2009 Fiscal Year;
- E. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Continuation of Capital and Special Project Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2009;
- F. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) for Regular Miscellaneous Employees Effective June 21, 2008; and
- G. A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara for Employer Paid Member Contributions for Hourly Employees Effective June 21, 2008.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Since the filing of the Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 on April 15, 2008, the City Council has held five special budget review meetings and public hearings. In addition, the Finance Committee held six meetings on various components of the Recommended Budget.

At the June 10, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting, Council gave final direction to staff, which included a vote to approve all Finance Committee and staff recommended adjustments to the budget. The budget that is scheduled for adoption incorporates all of these adjustments approved by Council.

In addition to approving the recommended adjustments to the budget, Council approved the following Finance Committee recommendations in response to certain items contained in the budget::

1. In response to concerns about staff's proposal to leave a Senior Tree Trimmer position vacant next fiscal year, Council requests that staff return to the Finance Committee after six months with a review of the performance impacts of leaving the tree trimming position vacant.
2. In response to concerns about the elimination of a Rental Housing Mediation Task Force position in the Community Development Block Grant Fund, Council requests that staff monitor the impacts and return after sixty days with a trend analysis of the rental housing mediation caseload over the past several years and a report on performance impacts of the eliminated position and staff's plan to meet the caseload.

In summary, the City Council will adopt a number of budget resolutions in connection with the budget for Fiscal Year 2009 at today's meeting. The adopting budget resolutions will accomplish the following:

1. Adopt the annual operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2009
2. Adopt the City's appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2009 pursuant to Article XIIB of the California Constitution
3. Adopt the master fee resolution for Fiscal Year 2009 establishing citywide fees in the various departments and funds. Copies are available for review in the City Clerk's Office and for public review online as part of the Council Agenda Packet;
4. Adopt the authorized positions for Fiscal Year 2009, including the position changes presented in the budget and the corresponding salary ranges citywide. Copies are available for review in the City Clerk's Office and for public review online as part of the Council Agenda Packet;
5. Authorize the City Administrator to carryover Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations into the Fiscal Year 2009 for capital and special projects that will not be completed before the end of the current fiscal year; and,
6. For the City's "regular" and hourly Miscellaneous (non-safety) PERS employees, establish the portion of the Employee PERS contribution rate to be paid by the City ("Employer-Paid Member Contribution"). This cost-sharing agreement is established by labor agreement and adjusts annually based on changes to the City's employer contribution rate.

Copies of all the budget resolutions are available in the Finance Department for public review.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office